

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-27 are pending in this application.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-8 and 16-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Townsend (U.S. Patent No. 6,631,473) in view of Trevithick (U.S. Printed Publication No. 2002/0116466). These claims have been cancelled herein without prejudice to re-submission thereof in a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-14 and 22-27 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims 1 and 2, but were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been amended herein to enable the allowance thereof.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that it be passed to issue. If there are any issues which can be discussed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at (818) 222-5439.

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